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Is Siler Playing 'Blind Man's Bluff'?

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August 5 Kentucky's 8th Congressional Representative Eugene Siler opposed President Kennedy's request for authority to call 250,000 reservists to active duty. Out of the House of Representatives 437 members there were only two negative votes and good old Gene Siler was responsible for one of those votes.

Most of the world, most of the United States, and most of Kentucky is out of step with Siler by his own admission. In recent comments to his hinterlands Siler said 75 per cent of domestic and 95 per cent of all international difficulties could be solved with "love" conditions and respect for each other.

This world is not a Utopia, it is a world of realism, and when an individual faces the facts of life he solves them along lines of reality.

Siler's reasoning for opposing the President and the entire House of Representatives as he stated in UPI interview "If we have a nuclear capacity of any nation on earth."

"If it's just psychological effect we are after, we should take some of our forces and, with sufficient air cover, go down to Cuba in order to retrieve the Eastern Air Lines plane that Castro hijacked a few days ago. There couldn't be any better psychological impact or prestige builder than a move of that kind."

"Having served both in the Army and Navy in time of war," Siler said, "I feel that I know something of the propensity of the top brass for building up their forces at all times."

"It makes them more important, increases chances for promotion, and produces some of the crescendo of excitement many of them desire. They always want increased forces."

"If we should have limited war over Berlin, about which I think Khrushchev is bluffing as he has in the past, we already have the largest peacetime forces in our history to deal with the situation."

Does Congressman Siler know something about the Soviet Union Plan that the President and CIA are not aware of at this time? If so, Siler should tell the country this information, and it doesn't mean saying Mr. K. should love his fellowman in Christian fellowship because Khrushchev is an atheist, a

Communist, and he does not believe in God.

The 8th Congressional district has provided thousands of men for the United States military services, and hundreds of them have been decorated for military distinguishment. What solace is there for a parent, a father, a mother, wife or other friends and relatives to take comfort in the current world crisis with their sons and husbands serving the military service—and the entire matter now being dismissed with their Congressional representative saying, "Mr. Khrushchev is bluffing."

Is Castro bluffing with Soviet missile bases being built in Cuba with 1,100 mile ranges? Are the people of Laos today being bluffed by the loving Russians?

Are the hundreds of dead Hungarians from the 1957 uprising dead as results of love or blind man's bluff?

The bluff list can go on and on and most of the people of the free world know that the godless, atheist, Communistic leaders of the Kremlin are playing for keeps and in the game blind man's bluff the foolish always get caught.

The mountain people of the 8th Congressional District are keen to realities of life and someday it is hoped that this district's Congressman will be a man dedicated to realities of daily life and work, with a constructive program for his people rather than having Utopia dreams and utterings of Congressman Eugene Siler.